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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 17, 2011

Personnel Security Support

On June 2, 2011, as a result of a non-competitive 8(a) Request for Proposal, a hybrid labor-hour contract with one optional firm-fixed-price line item (NRC-HQ-11-C-10-0046) was awarded to AQIWO, Inc. of Arlington, Virginia. The contractor provides the NRC's Personnel Security Branch, Division of Facilities and Security, Office of Administration, with onsite administrative security support services. The period of performance is from July 17, 2011, to November 30, 2011, with three 1-year option periods. The total cost of the contract is \$3,241,812.26, inclusive of the line item and term options.

Technical Assistance for Evaluating License Amendment Requests Related to Transition to the New Risk-Informed Fire Protection Licensing Basis

On June 10, 2011, as a result of a noncompetitive acquisition, a cost-plus-fixed-fee type contract (NRC-HQ-11-C-03-0047) was awarded to Southwest Research Institute of San Antonio, Texas, to provide technical assistance in evaluating license amendment requests related to transition to the new risk-informed fire protection licensing basis. The period of performance is from June 10, 2011, to September 28, 2012, with three 1-year option periods. The total cost of the contract is \$3,005,465.00 inclusive of options.

Draft Regulatory Basis for a Potential Rulemaking on Spent Nuclear Fuel Reprocessing Facilities, Proposed Rule; Public Meeting and Request for Comments - 10 CFR Part 50 (NRC-2010-0267)

On June 10, 2011, the NRC published a meeting notice (76 FR 34007) in the *Federal Register* regarding a 2-day public meeting on June 21, 2011, and June 22, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Augusta, Georgia, to solicit input on issues associated with the development of a draft regulatory basis document for a potential rulemaking on spent nuclear fuel reprocessing facilities.

Vulnerability and Threat Information for Facilities Storing Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste, Public Meeting - 10 CFR Parts 72 and 73 (NRC-2009-0558)

On June 16, 2011, the NRC posted a notice for a public meeting (76 FR 35137) in the *Federal Register* to discuss with affected stakeholders vulnerability and threat information associated with the forthcoming security rulemaking. This information will be used to inform the regulatory basis for the rulemaking, and new risk-informed and performance-based security regulations for Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste storage facilities will be issued. The draft regulatory basis was published for comment in the *Federal Register* on December 16, 2009 (74 FR 66589). The meeting will be held on July 26, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Rockville, Maryland, and will be closed under exemptions 3.a and 3.b of the Commission's policy statement, due to the expected discussion of classified information.

Office of Human Resources (HR)
 Items of Interest
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Arrivals		
Bolger, Allyce	REACTOR ENGINEER (NSPDP)	R-I
Conley, Ethan	STUDENT ENGINEER (SUMMER)	R-II
Davis, Rebekah	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-II
Fraser, Travis	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST	R-I
Galbreath, Stephanie	REACTOR ENGINEER (NSPDP)	R-I
Hoying, Craig	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRO
Khan, Nadim	IT ASSISTANT (STEP)	OIS
McMurray Nicholas	STUDENT ENGINEER (SUMMER)	R-II
Mutlu, Devin	IT ASSISTANT (STEP)	OIS
Speer, Christopher	REACTOR INSPECTOR (NSPDP)	R-IV
Steddenbenz, Katherine	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT INSPECTOR(NSPDP)	R-II
You, David	PROJECT ENGINEER (RI-DP)	R-IV
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Fenstermacher, Amy	STUDENT INTERNATIONAL (CO-OP)	OIP
Janbergs, Holly	PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASSISTANT	OPA
Ross, Robin	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NRR
Traynham, Brooke	PROJECT MANAGER (NSPDP)	FSME

Office of Information Services (OIS)
Items of Interest
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FOIAXpress Users Group Conference 2011

On June 15, 2011, OIS staff attended the FOIAXpress Users Group Conference 2011. The conference was held to inform FOIAXpress users of new capabilities included in the upcoming release of FOIAXpress v7.0, review current functionality, provide direction for current modifications and future enhancements, and provide a day of networking with other government FOIAXpress users. The vendor will begin shipping FOIAXpress v7.0 to agencies in late July 2011.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of June 10, 2011, through June 16, 2011:

Interagency agreement between Defense Contract Audit Agency for FY2011 (Referral from DCAA)	CON-2011-0009
AP1000 Shield Building, John Ma's unredacted version of "Dissenting View"	FOIA/PA-2011-0252
DCP NRC 003155 proprietary enclosures, "Presentation Slides, AP1000 Shield Building Design: from May 17, 2011, meeting	FOIA/PA-2011-0251
Material License Tracking System, active and retired facilities	FOIA/PA-2011-0250
Office of Investigation allegation report RIV-2009-A-0012	FOIA/PA-2011-0249
Office of the Inspector General report on Chairman Jaczko and the proposed waste repository at Nevada's Yucca Mountain	FOIA/PA-2011-0248

CON = Consultation requests from other agencies: a DOJ requirement to track consultations separately from FOIA/PA requests.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Fuel Cycle Information Exchange (FCIX) Conference

From June 7-8, 2011, NMSS staff held its sixth annual FCIX Conference at the Legacy Hotel and Meeting Centre in Rockville, Maryland. Over 200 individuals attended the conference. There were 42 speakers at the FCIX, including officials of the NRC, fuel cycle licensees, nuclear industry professionals, and other government agencies. Information on FCIX 2011, including the program and presentations can be found at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/conference-symposia/fcix/program.html>.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Public Meeting on the Performance Demonstration Initiative (PDI)

From June 6-7, 2011, staff conducted a Category 2 public meeting with representatives from the PDI to discuss various aspects of implementation requirements for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (Code), Section XI, Appendix VIII. Discussions included a current status of ASME Code-related activities, NRC rulemaking activities, program status updates, cast austenitic stainless steel examination capabilities and plans, and continuing research activities.

GE-Hitachi (GEH) Nuclear Energy Topical Report

On June 7, 2011, staff presented results of their review of GEH Topical Report NEDC-33173P, Revision 2 and Supplement 2, Parts 1-3, "Analysis of Gamma Scan Data and Removal of Safety Limit Critical Power Ratio Margin." This topical report was submitted by GEH to further qualify their analytical methods and requests removal of two limitations imposed in the NRC staff's approval of NEDC-33173P-A, "Applicability of GE Methods to Expanded Operating Domains."

Public Meeting with Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Materials Reliability Program

From June 8-10, 2011, staff conducted a well-attended Category 2 public meeting with representatives from industry, the EPRI Materials Reliability Program (MRP), and the Boiling Water Reactor Vessel Integrity Program to discuss various aspects of primary systems materials. Discussions included material programs, pressurized-water reactor vessel internals inspection; nondestructive examination; nickel alloy welding; operating experience; MRP action plans relating to cold pressurized-water reactor heads; and updates of NRC activities such as the Generic Aging Lessons Learned report, second license renewals, and the extremely low probability of rupture code development.

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Meeting in Sweden

From June 13-17, 2011, staff participated in joint meeting with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (Subcommittee 2) and International Electrotechnical Commission in Gothenburg, Sweden. The purpose of the meeting was to develop and integrate technical standards related to the environmental qualification of electrical equipment.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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RES Public Meeting on Weld Residual Stress (WRS) Finite Element Analysis (FEA) Validation

On June 14-15, 2011, RES hosted a Category 2 Public Meeting with representatives from RES and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), RES contractors, and seven organizations representing the U.S. and French nuclear power industries regarding the WRS FEA validation program. The meeting focused on FEA modeling techniques of dissimilar metal welds and comparisons to measurements taken on various mockups and actual plant components. The program yielded many insights into the specific contributions of various parameters to WRS FEA calculations.

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Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
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OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following:

The NRC's Severe Accident Mitigation Guidelines reviews in wake of the Japan incident.

The NRC task force 60-day update to the Commission and Senate Environment and Public Works Committee update on the Japan situation.

The NRC Inspector General report about the Chairman's actions on Yucca Mountain.

Flood preparations underway and possible impacts from the rising Missouri River at both the Cooper and Fort Calhoun nuclear power plants (Nebraska).

Commission involvement with the Entergy lawsuit against the State of Vermont on the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant's license renewal.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA responded to the media against rumors of serious problems at Fort Calhoun, providing updates to several news outlets on flood preparations and explaining how the Federal Aviation Administration reminded area news helicopters of the long-standing Notice to Airmen cautioning about flights near nuclear power plants.

OPA coordinated reporter questions for the Chairman following the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing.

OPA coordinated an interview with staff and the Japanese network NHK (Japan's media network) on NRC regulatory procedures and the agency's Japan quake task force.

OPA supported annual assessment meetings throughout the regions.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
11-112	NRC Determines No Major Environmental Impacts Preclude Licensing Lost Creek Uranium Recovery Site in Wyoming (6/17/11)
11-111	NRC Issues New Environmental Protection Requirements to Avoid Future Legacy Sites with Radioactive Material (6/17/11)
11-110	NRC Selects Laura Weil as Patients' Rights Advocate on Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (7/16/11)
11-109	Opening Remarks of NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko at the 60-Day Update from the Japan Task Force (6/15/11)
11-108	NRC Schedules Public Meeting June 21, 2011, to Discuss Implementing Revisions to the Environmental Protection Regulations Rule for License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants (6/15/11)
11-107	NRC Issues License to Tennessee Valley Authority Authorizing Receipt of Fresh Nuclear Fuel for Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 2 (6/15/11)

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ENCLOSURE G

11-106	NRC Schedules Public Meeting June 23, 2011, to Discuss Implementing Fingerprint Rule for Research and Test Reactors (6/15/11)
11-105	NRC Honors Employees June 14, 2011, in Rockville, Maryland (6/14/11)
11-104	NRC Issues Final Safety Culture Policy Statement (6/14/11)
11-103	Licensing Board to Hold Teleconference Oral Argument June 27, 2011, on South Texas Project Reactor License Renewal Application (6/13/11)
Regions:	
I-11-022	Decommissioning of Walter Reed Army Medical Center Facilities to be Discussed at NRC Meeting Scheduled for June 23, 2011 (6/16/11)
III-11-022	NRC Public Meeting June 23, 2011, to Discuss Decommissioning Plans for University of Missouri Building (6/16/11)
IV-11-028	NRC to Meet with Entergy Operations, Inc. (6/14/11)
IV-11-027	NRC to Discuss 2010 Performance Assessment for Columbia Generating Station (6/14/11)
IV-11-026	NRC Cites Cooper Nuclear Station for Inspection Finding of Low to Moderate Safety Significance (6/13/11)
II-11-039	NRC Schedules Public Meeting for June 20, 2011, to Discuss Watts Bar Unit 2 Construction Schedule (6/13/11)
I-11-021	NRC to Hold Meeting on June 22, 2011, In Brattleboro, Vermont, to Discuss Annual Assessment of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant (6/13/11)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
 Items of Interest
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM on SECY-11-0058	06/17/11	Proposed Final Policy Statement on the Protection of Ceisum-137 Chloride Sources
2. Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0058	06/17/11	(same)
3. REVISED SRM on SECY-11-0058	06/17/11	(same)
Information Papers		
SECY-11-0071	05/25/11	Status Report on Power Uprates
Memoranda		
M110606B	06/13/11	Staff Requirements – Meeting with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS)

Commission Correspondence

Letter to Congress, dated June 2, 2011, provides NRC's semi-annual report on the status of licensing and other regulatory activities (October 2010 through March 2011).

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Radiation Protection and Nuclear Materials, notice of meeting (06/20/2011).
2. Petition for Rulemaking – 10 CFR Part 30, PRM-30-65.